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The relocation office is tapping the Poston Chronicle on the shoulder, and telling us that we have just time enough to say a brief goodbye to our neighbors. Relocation is certain, and from it there is no equivocation.

So we say goodbye. Our job has been to serve you in telling you the news, and we have done that, a t times better than at others, of course, but always keeping at the job, and doing what we could.

I am the last editor. And thus, I guess, it was that I was asked to write a farewell message for the last issue. I reflect upon the past three years, and I recollect my many predecessors; and I remember that nearly all of them answered the call of relocation which took them out of the project. There were; Hisaye Yamamoto, Susumu Matsumoto, Henry Mori, Isao Fukuba, Kaz Oka, Yoshiye Tekata, Margaret Hirashima, Bob Hiratsuka, Kenny Murase. There were others too, too many to mention right off. I recall that once we were a large group, and that a f t e r 1942 almost everyone went out and completely new staffs came in.

We have seen WRA face the bitter words of the anti-forces and largely succeed in their program against prejudice. We have frozen in the winter-time and melted in the summer. We have known bosses like Fanny Connolly, our present reports officer, Pauline
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A HAPPY ENDING

For many weeks the story of Poston has unfolded in the pages of the Chronicle. It is the story of people who have made the best of a tragic situation; the story of their frustrations, their anxieties, their heartaches --and their pleasures, for the story has its lighter moments. Now Poston is finished; the story is ended. And we should be glad that this is so, for the story has a happy ending. The time of anxiety and of waiting is over. Life begins again.

DUNCAN MILLS, Project Director

CLOSING DATE SET FOR TULE LAKE

February 1, 1946 has been announced by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes as the termination date for the Tule Lake Center.

In line with the scheduled liquidation date, plans have been completed for an intensive relocation program at the center.

All center residents not on the Department of Justice Detention lists are eligible for the same types of relocation assistance as the residents of other W.R.A. centers.

Persons who are detained will remain in the custody of the Department of Justice awaiting the final decision regarding their deportation or continued internment. Any questions regarding the future status of the detainees, or of family members who may wish to remain with them, should be addressed to the War Division, Dept. of Justice, Washington D.C.

Toward the final liquidation of Tule Lake, all farm operations are to be discontinued immediately, center schools will be closed by December 21, and the Business Enterprises Association should begin closing procedures at once.

GOOD NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA

Bringing with them news of interest to all center residents who are planning to return to Orange, Riverside, or San Bernardino County, Relocation Officer, Frank S. Gumble and his co-worker Newton Taylor arrived in Poston, Thursday, Oct. 18. Their object in visiting the project was to pass on to the evacuees first hand information regarding housing, community sentiment, and employment opportunities in the three California counties.

The largest number of all those returning to this area will be going back to Orange Co. and temporary housing is assured for the returnees. By November 1st, army barracks administered by the Federal Public Housing Authority will be opened to evacuees returning from the centers. These barracks are located at Santa Ana Heights on land adjoining the Santa Ana Air Base. In Riverside and San Bernardino counties, FPHA housing may be obtained, first priority being given to servicemen's families.

The way has been paved for the return
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